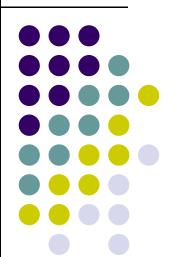
# California Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)

## Western Renewable Energy Zones

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- State/local policy: 33% renewables
  - ~20,000 MW renewables needed;
    40,000 MW in ISO queue
- Access requires major new transmission
- Proactive development: build to zones
  - CA-Tehachapi; CO, MN, NV, TX, WGA
  - FERC Location-Constrained Resources policy



# **RETI Purpose, Goals**

#### Involve stakeholders to:

- Identify best resource zones, considering:
  - Environmental impact
  - Development feasibility, timing
  - Generation-transmission cost
- Develop transmission plans to priority zones
- Work with Transmission Providers to develop Plans of Service able to support applications



## **Coordinating Committee**

- CPUC, CEC, CAISO, POUs
- Ensures inter-agency cooperation, support
- Ensures RETI produces information needed for policy decisions; keeps process on schedule

## Stakeholder Steering Committee

- Directs RETI work; forms subgroups as needed
- Ensures active participation of member organizations
- Reports progress to Plenary Stakeholder Group

### Plenary Stakeholder Group

- Forum for all interested parties to provide input to SSC
- Reviews work of SSC, ensures all views represented



# **Steering Committee**

Transmission CAISO, PG&E, SCE, SDG&E

Providers: IID, LADWP, SMUD

LSEs: NCPA, SCPPA, PG&E, SCE, SDG&E

Generators: biomass, geothermal, solar, wind

Agencies: Counties, BLM, CPUC, CEC, USFS

Environmental, Consumer, Military



## **Scope of Work**

- Phase 1 Identify and rank CREZ (Competitive Renewable Energy Zones)
  - Stakeholder proposals; analytical baseline
- Phase 2 Develop conceptual transmission plans for priority CREZ
- Phase 3 Complete detailed transmission planning able to support CPCN applications



# Western Renewable Energy Zone (WREZ) Proposal

- Plan regional generation-transmission development in coordinated way, minimize impacts
- Create regional markets for renewables
  - Larger, more liquid, lower cost than state-by-state markets; coordinated procurement
  - Bring best resources to consumers across west
- Governor/Commission-led stakeholder process
  - Responsive to renewables/carbon goals
  - Multi-state cooperation on permitting, cost allocation



## **WREZ Initiative**

#### Phase 1

- Assess resources, costs across region
- Stakeholders design, rank zones justifying tx

#### Phase 2

- Conceptual transmission to highest ranking REZ
- WGA Wildlife Corridor, eco-regional design

#### Phase 3

Coordinate procurement to support commercial transmission projects

#### Phase 4

Interstate permitting, cost allocation agreements